

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	<b>NAGAMUNE, Teruyuki, <i>et al.</i></b>	Examiner:	To Be Assigned
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Title:	<b>A METHOD OF MONITORING A MICROORGANISM THAT CAUSES INFECTIOUS DISEASE OF A LABORATORY ANIMAL</b>		

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP PCT (DO/EO/US)  
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Dear Sir/Madame:

Please amend the above-identified application prior to substantive examination as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.